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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

Attorney's Docket No. 040989/283662

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 09/005,318 Confirmation No.: 2353  
Applicant(s): Hein et al.  
Filed: January 9, 1998  
Art Unit: 1647  
Examiner: Romeo, David S.  
Title: NOVEL EPITHELIAL TISSUE TARGETING AGENT

February 14, 2006

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005.

2. Applicant is  a small entity;  other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed.

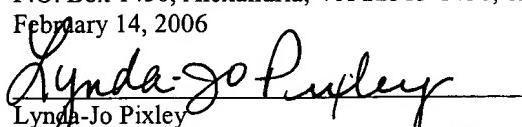
Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



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